

It is rumored that the remainder of our Stock will be distributed among our many Branch Stores throughout the State immediately after our Closing Sale. This we do not deny, as such may be the case if we are forced to, but in order to exclude the chances of such a move, which would be an expensive one in way of freight, etc., we have determined to close out our entire stock in Houston, if prices will do the work, and from this day we announce that in order to make A CLEAN SWEEP OF IT, and let our Customers reap the benefit of our losses, we will offer the remainder of our Stock at ADDITIONAL CUT IN PRICES THAT WILL SOON CONVERT THEM INTO CASH. Below we give a few Quotations to conve to our Customers an idea of the Sale we have inaugurated to wind up our General Closing Out Sale, after which we will be engaged strictly in the WHOLESALE BUSINESS in Houston.

Dress Goods.

We offer our 22-inch Wool Filling Henrietta, reduced 22-inch Fancy Changeable Wool Filling Chameleon, reduced from 15c to 10c a yard, now 74c 34 inch Wool Filling Fancy Brocades and Changeable Chameleons, reduced from 25c to 15c yard, now.. 10c 84-inch Wool Filling Henriettas, popular shades, reduced from 20e to 15e yard, now...... 10e 86-inch Wool Filling Henriettas, popular shades, reduced from 25c to 19c yard, now...... 15c 38-inch Wool Filling Henrietta, popular shades, reduced from 31c to 21c per yard, now....... 16c Lot No. 2 comprises our entire selection of Fancy Fig-Double width all Wool Tricots, Black and Colors, reduced from 31c to 22c, now...... 16c 40-inch Novelty Suitings, two-tone effects, reduced from 40e to 25e a yard, now..... 19c 38-inch Navy Blue Storm Serge, reduced from 40c to 26c a yard, now..... 19c

| Black Goods. | |
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| 34 inch Wool Filling Black Cashmere, reduced from | |
| 20c to 15c a yard, now | 10c |
| 25c to 19c a yard, now | 15c |
| 31e to 21e a yard, now | 16e |
| | 29 c |
| 42-inch Brocaded Serge, reduced from 40c to 28c a yard, now | 21c |
| 36-inch all Wool Black Serge, reduced from 35c to 25c a yard, now | 21e |
| 46-inch all Wool Black Serge, reduced from 59c to 44c | 500 |
| a yard, now | 89c |
| to 59c a yard, now | 42c |
| from 75c to 59c a yard, now | 45c |
| | 49c |
| 45-inch Black Silk Finish Henrietta, reduced from 98c to 73c a yard, now | 59c |
| 40-inch Priestly Black Silk Warp Henrietta, reduced | |
| \$1.10 to 85c a yard, now | 120 |

BLACK GOODS-Continued.

40-inch Priestly Black Silk Warp Henrietta, reduced from \$1.25 to 98c a yard, now...... 83c from 10c to 7½c per yard, now...... 5c 40-inch Silk Warp Eudora Cloth, reduced from \$1.35 to \$1.10 a yard, now...... 88c

Silks and Satins.

Additional cuts in prices to make them fly. Lot No. 1 comprises an elegant assortment of Fancy Figured Silks and Plain Chinas, were 25c, reduced to 19c a yard, now..... 15c ured Silks, Changeable Striped Satins, E. X. Surahs in solid colors, Plain Satins, and a large variety of odd pieces to close out, were 35c, reduced to 25c a yard, we now offer choice of these No. 3 comprises an elegant line of pópular shades and evening Silks, in Striped, Figured and Brocade Effects, also Changeable Effects, Plain Satins, Fancy Moire Satins, Plain Real Japanese Silks, Fancy Check Taffetas, were 40c and 50c a yard, reduced to 31c and 38c, now choice of the

Lot No. 4 comprises a line of 24-inch Changeable Striped Satins, Plain Satins, 22-inch Checked Jacquard Taffetas, 30-inch Fancy Drapery Silks. 27-inch Plain Japanese Silks, 24-inch best Figured Japanese Silks, extra Fine Double Warp Fancy Striped Surah Silks, former prices 50c, 60c and 75c, reduced prices 42c, 49c and 59c, now choice

Lot No. 4 comprises our popular line of Changeable extra Fine Taffetas, 24-inch Double Warp Surahs in Checks and Stripes, 22-inch Evening Shades Fancy Brocade Japanese Silks, 22-inch extra quality Silk Moire Antique, Evening and Popular Shades, were 75c and 85c a yard, reduced to 59e and 69e a yard, we now offer choice to close. 49e

.. Cur entire lines of Black Gros Grain Silks, Black Our Gent's Black all Wool Cheviot Suits, were \$8.00 Peau de Soie, Black Satins and Satin Duchesse, Black Taffeta, Black Armure, Black Surah, Black Turquoise, Our \$10.00 Gent's all Wool Cheviot Suits, tailor-made, Black Moire, Black Japanese Silks, Black Satin Rhadame, Black Satin de Lion, Black Faille—in fact our entire lines of Black Silks at additional cuts in prices to close out Our \$12.50 Gent's Fine Cheviot Suits, reduced to stock on hand.

Millinery Departm't.

In this department where prices had already been greatly reduced, we offer now the remainder of our lines of

Fancy Velvets, Ladies' Untrimmed Hat Shapes, Ladies' Trimmed Sailors, Fancy Ribbons, Fancy Feathers and Birds, Fancy ornaments, Trimmed Hats and Baby Caps,

Price At One-Half Their Original Prices.

Clothing Departm't.

original cost, and have, with the determination to unload weeks. all our retail stock, reduced prices once more, regardless of the losses we will sustain.

Our lines of Gent's heavy Wool Tweed Cassimere Pants, were \$1.50, reduced to \$1.15, now..... 98c of wards low Our Gent's All Wool Scotch Cassimere Pants, were \$1.98, reduced to \$1.68, now......\$1.23 Our Gent's \$2.25 Cassimere Pants, reduced to \$1.98. now 1.49 Our Gent's \$3.50 Cassimere Pants, reduced to \$2.68, now 2.20 Our Gent's \$4.50 Cassimere Pants, reduced to \$3.30, now 2.96 Our Gent's Cassimere Suits which were such a bargain at \$3.50, reduced to \$2.75 a Suit, now.... 1.98 duced to \$3.45 a Suit, now................ 2.68 Our Gent's heavy all Wool Cassimere Suits, were \$6,50 a Suit, reduced to \$4.98, now...... 3.75 Our Gent's heavy all Wool Cassimere Suits, were \$7.50 a Suit, reduced to \$5.00, now........... 3.98 Our Gent's heavy all Wool Cassimere Suits, were \$8.00 a Suit, reduced to \$5.75, now..... 4.25 a Suit, reduced to \$6.25, now..... 5.25 in Black, Navy and Brown, reduced to \$8.75 a Suit, now..... 6.25

CLOTHING DEPARTMENT-Continued.

Our \$12.50 Gent's extra Fine California Cassimere

Our entire line of Children's and Boys' Suits at additional cut in prices to close out remainder of our stock.

Choice of a line of Gent's White Shirts, and Fancy Percale Laundered Neglige Shirts, were 90¢ and \$1.00, reduced to 73c and 82c, we offer now at... 59c

Carpet Department.

In this Department we mean to close out every inch. of Carpeting on hand, as our branch stores do not handle Carpets. We have made some extraordinary cuts in prices In our Clothing Department we have had no mercy on in order to clean out the entire stock within the next three

Our Lace Curtains.

| 24 Jards long Nottingham Curtains, were soc a pair, | |
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| reduced to 39c, now 25c | å |
| 3 yards long Nottingham Curtains, 36 inches wide, | |
| were 65c a pair, reduced to 45c, now 85c | |
| 3½ yards long Nottingham Curtains, 45 inches wide, | |
| were \$1.75 a pair, reduced to \$1.35, now\$1.10 | d |
| 4 yards long Nottingham Curtains, 45 inches wide, | |
| were \$2.25 a pair, reduced to \$1.65, now 1.25 | |
| Irish Point Lace Curtains. | |
| 3 yards Irish Point Lace Curtains, 42 inches wide, | |
| were \$\$,00 a pair, reduced to \$2,50, now\$1,98 | |

3½ yards Irish Point Lace Curtains, 50 inches wide, were \$5.00 a pair, reduced to \$3.98, now..... 2.75 31 yards Irish Point Lace Curtains, 52 inches wide, were \$6.00 a pair, reduced to \$4.50. now...... 3.50 34 yards Irish Point Lace Curtains, 52 inches wide, were \$7.50 a pair, reduced to \$6.00, now..... 4.50 3½ yards Irish Point Lace Curtains, 52 inches wide, were \$8.50 a pair, reduced to \$7.50, now..... 4.98 31 yards Irish Point Lace Curtains, 52 inches wide were \$9.00 a pair, reduced to \$7.50, now..... 5.75 31 yards Irish Point Lace Curtains, 52 inches wide,

were \$10.00 a pair, reduced to \$8.50, now..... 6.25 Our entire line of Portieres, Rugs, etc., all at addi-

Bear in mind, that all Goods must and will be Closed Out, and we have but a short time to do the work. Remember the place, 1016, 1018, 1020 Texas Avenue.

Jesse Pomeroy Seen After Twenty-Two Years in Confinement.

HE IS STILL STRONG AND ALERT

Profitable Reading - Many Thwarted Attempts at Escape.

Charlestown, Mass., December 25.-Jesse Pomeroy, the "boy marderer," was 36 years of age on Sunday. Nineteen years ich were committed in Boston, and th ollection of which is still fresh in the ds of most readers, have been passed him in solitary confinement in the

e he had brutally murdered two young lidren, one a boy of four, whose body left on the Dorchester marsh, horribly

week. He is about five feet four s in height, with broad shoulders a deep chest.

Is strong and muscular, and during twenty-two years of his continement never been ill a single day. His face little of the prison pallor, and when lessly scanned seems neither interesting uniteresting. However, with a sin knowledge of his disposition and matter to guide one, even the inexpect person would find a study of face fascinating.

Insight quite manner and a would-be fee expression, which are at first mis-

o make them expressionless. This very ffort, however, gives the blue eye a look f animal cunning, and the white eye eems always following the cue given to lw the blue. same way, when talking, he tries

In the same way, when talking, he tries to hide every indication of intellect and to bring into his face the unconcern and innocence of a child. This, of course, on-hances the look of slow, animal cumning, and gives a shifting, uneasy appearance to what would otherwise be a bold eye. His forehead is low and somewhat e-ceding. His hair is thin, brown in color, and he is getting a little hald over the temples. His nose is short and broad; his mouth, while not exactly coarse, is yet unpleasant; his jaws are square and solid, and he has a short chin. His head is large but not well rounded and is set on a short and muscular neck.

seems to care very little for any conver-sation. His falk is always about himself, usually a complaint or a request for daily life. He is governed entirely by his moods in the matter of talking. Of-ten he is sullen and dogged for months at a time, and will hardly answer the merest

question. Then his mood changes, and he seeks every possible opportunity to talk with either officer or warden.

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He is certainly the most maryelous specimes of cased human alertness that one can imagine. The long years spent in looking at four blank walls, and in planming means of escape have, of course, intensified his sense of hearing. Years is have passed without a person's being able to catch him unawares.

His sentence, as pronounced so many years ago, by Governor Rice of Massachusetts, was "solitary imprisonment at hard labor in the Statesprison during his natural life." He has had the solitary confinement, but very little labor.

For several years previous to the appointment of the present warden no work was assigned to him. Work was withheld from Pomeroy as a matter of safety. Earlier he had been employed at brush making, but the tools and small wire used in making the brushes gave him the means of nearly effecting his escape. He is maryeliously ingenious, and fashions weapons out of any bit of steel, old knife, piece of iron or stone. Besides this, he hates nearly every kind of work, and unless he sees in it some possible tool for digging his way out of his cell, either refuses to do it or is sullen and dogged about it.

Warden Bridges has, Indeed, succeded an interventing him in making rattan chairs. This is easy work, and reneroy accomplishes about as minch in a lay as a mon does ordinarily in the shops. All his work is done in his own cell. But altered he is tired of the chair weaving, for no tools are used that he can turn to effect in securing his liberty.

Pomerov reads during the long hours when not working or planning an escape. He has the use of the prison library During the earlier years of his imprisonment he read novels, and studied languages. He has a dogged sort of perseverance and has his sort and a surface ones. Latter he made excursions into general interature, generally cheosing history or biography, and studied languages. He has a dogged sort of perseverance and has

looking through the from bars of his liner cell door. The bright yes miset eyes noted the stranger quickly, then turned eagerly to the warden. He lifted his head in an animal-like manner, and the corts of life throat jerked for a moment in his er-crit to use his votes, he said. "The grad of a chance to speak with you. There is semething I very much want to ask."

"Yes?" said the warden quietly, "what

"I want to ask you," he answered, "if you can't make some change in my work. I find this weating of chairs makes my chest weak and lames my shoulding. Here he put his hand on his thick chest and drew his breath in softly, with a glance at the stranger. He moved his arms back and forth from the shoulders to show how they grow lame. The warden asked. "What work do you want Jesse? Have you any preference?" Jesse threw a sidelong glance at the stranger, and posed a little in his speect. "Yes," he replied, "I should like to do something that would bring me in some money." He turned his strange eyes directly on the visitor, and his face was as innocent as that of a child. "I have been in prison now for twenty-two years—shut up for twenty-two long years—shut that I shall have something coming to me. I should like, always supposing warden, that it meets your approvai. —this yery innocently and with his cyes looking over Warden Brindges head—'to do some knitting."

knitting."
There was a moment's slience, during There was a moment's slience, during which pemeray never moved his eyes, at a seemed coarcely to breathe.
"Do you's know how to knit?" asked the

the moves from each to cell. Each man the moves from each to cell. Each man had a board, generally of home manual facture, and the checkers were bits of paper.

His present cell is extremely neat and clean, and is almost commodious. It is about 18 feet by 10, and has a very high, eaching. The walls, as well as the floor, as are rmooth and hard, and the furniture wide, and has a soft, bright-bordered blanket folded over it in such a way as to a show both bright borders.

There is a bright electric light at the side of the cell door, shaded by a small white porcelain shade. Directly under the light is a large canvas-back rocker. A small table stands near, with one or two hooks on it, a plate, pretty cup and saucer, knife and fork, and pepper and sail boxes.

The room—it is really a room—is well lighted during the day from two windows built into the slowing roof. These are two long, narrow openings, giving high and ventilation, but no chance of escape.

The theory that outdoor exercise is necessary to perfect health is exploided in the case of Fomeroy. Fire absolutely refuses to go into the yards unless allowed to go at the same hours as the other prisoners and the fact of his cell is a gas jet. Using one, properly took an impression of the lock of his cell door, filed out a roughly care and some manual and the gand to cut of the bold heads and the gand to cut of the bold head was cut of the worked noiselessly and constantly. After months are an endless amount of labor he had cut the boits that faster month of labor he had cut the boits that faster down to some a manual fast the mortar, and so, is he believed, loosered two great stones. From the wire used in trush making he formed a chain and fast, end this into one of the stone blocks. But when he finally riced to swing the block out of piace he discovered that the precaution had been taken to weld the stones block out of piace he discovered that the precaution had been taken to well the stones block out of piace he discovered that the precaution had been taken t

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it can shine you gas outside here where electric light." said the warden.
"I don't want electricity and unless I can have sas in my cell I won't have light at all." was the decided response. "I wish to be treated like the other men." For a long time Pometos had a rocking chair with the east made of carpeting. One day when examining the chair seat it was found he had managed to sew a number of peckets underneath, and in these he had stored away all sorts of odd pleces of iron, stell and all hearts of odd pleces of iron, stell and all hearts of odd

Funny Things the Comedians Said Last Week.

From the New York World. Smith and Cook are at Proctor Pleasure palace. Their act and their jokes have not changed for years, but this may he because their funny sayings always go well. Here is one of them: Cook-Why did you leave the Hoffman

Smith-I didn't like Mrs. Hoffman's

cooking.

Here's another:
Cook—Did you notice me in my coupe
this morning?

Smith—I couldn't see behind the bars,
but I knew you were there. In "The Shop Girl" at Palmer's the ter there are a few:
Miggles-Do you go in for wheeling?
Berlie-No, but I keep rabbits.
Appleby-She ran away with the ice

Bertie Bent-That was a cool thing to

Thursday? Appleby—Thursday—no. Bertie—How hungry you'll be on Pri-"When my friend McManus arrived at Castle Garden," says John W. Ransone, the "ruler of New York," at Koster & Plat's, "he was about as green as it, and to be a Some one had told him

that you could pick up gold in the streets to any man who can induce me to stand wall. By some mischance the explosion of New York, and he actually believed it. Well. sure enough it was just his luck will. Formercy blow off his exchrows and otherwise induced his face. The gas and otherwise induced, and when Pomercy sent a request to have it put back again the warieris answer was:

"You can't have gas and you know the reason why."

Pomercy answered with an injured air: "I swiely don't know, it seems pretty hard that I must spend the long excellings without light."

"I will give you gas outside here where it can shine into your cell, or give you an electricity, and unless it electric light," said the warden.

"I don't want electricity and unless it."

Cook again:
Cook—How do you like the Brooklyn
trolley cars?
Smith—Ob, they're just killing!
Cook—And the patrol wagons?
Smith—I was simply carried away with

them.

Cook—What was that terrible crash heard in your room about 8 o'clock the morning?

Smith—That was me—falling asleep.

Kaye and Henry are in their sidewalk conversation at Proctor's theater. Kaye, rigged as a tramp, asks:

"What do you call those places where they sell liquor?"

"Saloons, of course."

"I am getting absent-minded passing them Sunday."

Later on Kaye says:

"With me capital is out of reach and labor out of the question."

The O'Briens have a boxing specialty at Keith's.
"I now make a special offer of \$1000

my panother So gold piece. Then he met an old bilind man, who appealed to him for money.

"Here, says McManus, handing over the two gold pieces, 'take this. Shure the wo gold pieces, 'take this. Shure the misst be the divil's own curse for a man to be bolond in a country where yet can piek goold roight up from the atrate."

W. E. Browning is the comedian in the burlesque show at Aaron's Gaiety theater. Some one announces the arival of Trilby.

"I don't see how Svengali can get near Trilby," he says, "now that the door's Ben Bolted."

"Did you piek a winner at the races hast summer?" asks Jordan of William son in a black-face turn at the Gaiety.

"No," is the reply.

"Well, what are you going to do this winter?"

"Piek and shovel."

"Now hadies and gentlemen, it affords in great"—begins Jordan.

"Hold on, there," interjects Williamson.

"What do you mean, sir, by interrupting me? Don't you know that gentlemen do not like to be interrupted in the middle of a sentence?"

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Silence and silver shade! Earth's tell done, she lies In perfect peace, while heaven beinds noar, we almost hear the angais, calling the Down the silvered distances of six germmed skies.

Each gentle zephyr, blown from paradi Is instinct with some goul we have to

FREE TO BALD HEADS.